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REMARKS

This Amendment is made to the Final Action mailed August 26, 2008. Claims 34-57 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of this application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks, and further, in view of a telephonic interview between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on November 20, 2008.

In an Amendment filed on June 6, 2008, claims 1-33 were replaced by new claims 34-57. This Final Action indicated that claims 34-57 were directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed because (1) the new claims 34-53 are drawn to a removal system which is a combination of elements not originally presented; and (2) the new claims 54-57 are drawn to a method not originally presented. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Support for the addition of new claims 34-53 can be found in original claims 21-23, directed to a denture adhesive removal system. Support for the addition of new claim 54 can be found in original claims 24-26 directed to a method of removing denture adhesive or denture adhesive residue. Support for the addition of new claims 55-57 can be found in original claims 27-29 directed to kits. During the telephonic interview, the Examiner acknowledged this support for claims 34-57 and agreed to issue either another Action or a Notice of Allowance after Applicant responded to the Final Action.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned agent at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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